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SUBJ: MOFA OFFICIAL INQUIRES ABOUT KIM IL SONG LETTER TO
PRESIDENT CARTER

REF: STATE 40033 (NOTAL)

1. MOFA AMERICAN AFFAIRS DIVISION CHIEF YI SUNG GON RAISED QUESTION OF NEWSWEEK PERISCOPE ARTICLE REGARDING KIM IL SONG COMMUNICATION WITH PRESIDENT CARTER THROUGH PAKISTAN PRESIDENT BHUTTO. YI ASKED SPECIFICALLY IF THE LETTER WAS FROM KIM OR WAS QUOTED IN A LETTER FROM BHUTTO. EMBOFF REPLIED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTTEL, THAT MESSAGE WAS FROM KIM THROUGH A THIRD PARTY, THAT IT HAD BEEN RECEIVED DURING THE TRANSITION PERIOD AND THAT THE REPLY WAS PRO FORMA. EMBOFF ALSO NOTED THAT U.S. POLICY CONTINUED TO BE THAT WE WOULD NOT DISCUSS QUESTIONS INVOLVING THE FUTURE OF KOREA IN THE ABSENCE OF ROK REPRESENTATIVES. YI APPEARED SATISFIED WITH THIS RESPONSE.

2. ROK PRESS HAS ALSO BEGUN TO COMMENT ON NORTH KOREAN OVERTURE. TONG-A ILBO EDITORIAL FEBRUARY 23 DUBBED THE KIM MESSAGE AN EFFORT TO SEEK "THE KOREAN
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VERSION OF VIETNAMIZATION" BY BY-PASSING THE ROK AND SIGNING A PEACE AGREEMENT DIRECTLY WITH THE U.S. THE PAPER SAID THAT THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION WOULD NOT ACCEPT THIS OVERTURE AND THAT NORTH KOREA'S EFFORT TO SOLVE THE KOREAN PROBLEM BY TALKING TO THE U.S. RATHER THAN THE ROK WAS A BETRAYAL OF THEIR OWN PREACHING OF "NATIONAL IDENTITY" (CHUCHE) SINCE THEY WERE PREPARED

TO DISCUSS THE KOREAN PROBLEM WITH A FOREIGN COUNTRY
BUT NOT WITH THE KOREANS THEMSELVES. NO OTHER EDITORIALS
SO FAR.
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